

WHEREAS, the week of October 7-13 is National Newspaper Week throughout the United States. This is one time during the year when the more than 9000 weekly and daily newspapers of the nation join hands, as a group, and make a concerted effort to promote a better understanding of newspapers and the vital role they play in preserving the great American way of life, which we all cherish; and

WHEREAS, "Newspapers . . . "Your Foundation For Free Choice" is the theme for this year's observance, and this is one of the more significant of the many special weeks observed annually in this country; and

WHEREAS, Wars have been fought to gain our independence. So, too, is battle waged by the newspapers of our state and country to defend and guard the freedoms and rights of a free people. This is a never-ending fight, quiet at times, at other times loud . . . but always on behalf of the American people; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers in South Dakota and everywhere are a vital part of our economy and our American society, more so now, in troubled times throughout our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson, speaking about the Freedom of Press, cautioned us when he said, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press and that cannot be limited without being lost."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-13 as

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK

with the hope that all citizens realize the great contributions made to our communities and state by our newspapers down through the decades of our history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed
the Great Seal of the State of
South Dakota in Pierre, the
Capital City, this 3rd day of
October, in the Year of Our
Lord, Nineteen Hundred and
Seventy-Three. *[Signature]*

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jean Johnson, Asst'

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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